Application No. 09/923,132 Response dated February 9, 2004 Reply to Office Action mailed October 21, 2003

OFFICIAL

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED

In re Application of: SAYLER et al.

09/923.132

Examiner:

Lambertson, D. KEB 0 9 2004

Date Filed:

Application No.:

August 6, 2001

Group:

1636

For:

BIOLUMINESCENT METHODS FOR DIRECT VISUAL DETECTION OF

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPOUNDS

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(A)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited by tacsimile addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box

1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

February 9, 2004

Margaret J. McLaren, Ph.D., Esq. Reg. No. 53,303

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003 (hereinafter, the "Office Action"). This paper is being filed with a petition for a one month retroactive extension of time and the required fee. The Commissioner for Patents is authorized to charge any underpayment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.